

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1617
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 4676.0142-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Mitsuaki Kawamura et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1617
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Application No.: 10/510,738)	Examiner: Jody Lynn Karol
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Filed: October 12, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 8582
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For: Composition for Cell Proliferation)	Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Applicants reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 8, 2008 ("Office Action"), the period for response having been extended to January 8, 2009, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants also file herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.